

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in the above-captioned patent application.

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An inkjet cloth printing apparatus (1) provided with a print head (11) capable of printing on a workpiece cloth, comprising (W), characterized by:

a head moving mechanism (20) moving the print head (11) in a first direction;

a cloth holder (5, 5A, 5B) holding a periphery of a printing area of the cloth (W) on which the apparatus prints, wherein the cloth holder comprises a first holding member and a second holding member fitted with an outer portion of the first holding member;

a holder moving mechanism (30) feeding the cloth holder (5, 5A, 5B) in a second direction below the print head (11), the second direction being perpendicular to the first direction, wherein the holder moving mechanism comprises a rack which is formed on the second holding member so as to extend in the second direction, a pinion which is brought into mesh engagement with the rack, and a drive motor which rotates the pinion, wherein the second holding member has a slide groove formed therein for position restriction, and the slide groove extends in the second direction; and

an engaging member provided on an apparatus body side for engaging the slide groove; and

a cloth passage (3) defined below a movement space through which the cloth holder (5, 5A, 5B) is moved in the second direction by the holder moving mechanism

(30) so as to allow movement of part (Wa) of the cloth (W) located outside the printing area and running out of the cloth holder (5, 5A, 5B).

Claim 2 (Currently amended): An inkjet cloth printing apparatus provided with a printed head capable of printing on workpiece cloth, comprising:

a head moving mechanism moving the print head in a first direction;

a cloth holder holding a periphery of a printing area of the cloth on which the apparatus prints, the cloth holder comprising a first holding member and a frame-shaped second holding member which is disposed so as to overlap an upper side of the first holding member, thereby holding the cloth, the cloth holder being supported by a support frame so as to be moved by the holder moving mechanism, the second holding member comprising a magnetic plate formed into a frame shape, the first holding member comprising a magnet magnetically attracting the second holding member;

a holder moving mechanism feeding the cloth holder in a second direction below the print head, the second direction being perpendicular to the first direction, the support frame having a slide groove formed therein for position restriction, wherein the slide groove extends in the second direction; and

an engaging member provided on an apparatus body side for engaging the slide groove; and

a cloth passage defined below a movement space through which the cloth holder is moved in the second direction by the holder moving mechanism so as to allow movement of part of the cloth located outside the printing area and running out of the cloth holder

The cloth printing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cloth holder (5, 5A) includes a first

holding member (6, 6A) and a second holding member (7, 7A) fitted with an outer part of the first holding member (6, 6A) and the second holding member (7, 7A) includes a slide groove (7b) for position restriction which extends in the second direction and an apparatus body side is provided with an engaging member (1m) engaging the slide groove (7b).

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2 4, wherein the support frame is integral with the second holding member the cloth holder (5A, 5B) includes a first holding member (6A, 6B) and a frame shaped second holding member (7A, 7B) which is disposed so as to overlap an upper side of the first holding member (6A, 6B), thereby holding the cloth (W) and the cloth holder (5A, 5B) is supported by a support frame (67, 76) so as to be moved by the holder moving mechanism (30), and wherein the support frame (67, 76) includes a slide groove (7b) for position restriction which extends in the second direction and an apparatus body side includes an engaging member (1m) engaging the slide groove (7b).

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2 3, wherein the first holding member comprises a magnet position switching unit switching the magnet between an attraction position where the magnet attracts the second holding member and a non-attraction position where the magnet is spaced away from the second holding member the support frame (67) is provided integrally with the second holding member (7A).

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2 3, wherein the holder moving mechanism comprises a rack which is formed on the support frame so as to

extend in the second direction, a pinion which is brought into mesh engagement with the rack, and a drive motor which rotates the pinion the second holding member (7A, 7B) is made of a magnetic plate into a frame shape and the first holding member (6A, 6B) includes a magnet (65, 70) magnetically attracting the second holding member (7A, 7B).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 1 ~~5~~, further comprising a passage height adjusting unit (48) for changing a height of the cloth passage wherein the first holding member (6B) includes a magnet position switching unit (71) switching the magnet (70) between an attraction position where the magnet (70) attracts the second holding member (7B) and a non attraction position where the magnet (70) is spaced away from the second holding member (7B).

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a passage height adjusting unit (48) for changing a height of the cloth passage wherein the holder moving mechanism (30) includes a rack (7a) which is formed on the second holding member (7, 7A) so as to extend in the second direction, a pinion (32) which is brought into mesh engagement with the rack (7a) and a drive motor (34) which rotates the pinion (32).

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 1 ~~3~~, wherein the cloth holder comprises a cloth accommodating member capable of accommodating said portion of the cloth in a folded state the holder moving mechanism (30) includes a rack (7a) which is formed on the support frame (67) so as to extend in the second direction, a pinion (32)

which is brought into mesh engagement with the rack (7a) and a drive motor (34) which rotates the pinion (32).

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2 4, wherein the cloth holder comprises a cloth accommodating member capable of accommodating said portion of the cloth in a folded state further comprising a passage height adjusting unit (48) for changing a height of the cloth passage (3).

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the print head comprises a plurality of rows of nozzles which are capable of injecting ink of a plurality of colors, respectively, and are arranged in the first direction the cloth holder (5, SA, SB) includes a cloth accommodating member (78) capable of accommodating said part (Wa) of the cloth (W) in a folded state.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2 4, wherein the print head (11) includes comprises a plurality of rows of nozzles which are capable of injecting ink of plurality of colors, respectively, and are arranged in the first direction.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a purging mechanism (40) purging the print head (11) and a capping mechanism capping a head surface of the print head (11) with a cap (41).

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2 ~~4~~, further comprising a purging mechanism purging the print head and a capping mechanism capping a head surface of the print head with a cap ~~a first origin detection member (52) provided at the print head (11) side and a first origin position setting unit (51) provided at the apparatus body side for detecting the first origin detection member (52), thereby setting an origin position of the print head (11).~~

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an origin detection member provided at the print head side and an origin position setting unit provided at the apparatus body side for detecting the origin detection member, thereby setting an origin position of the print head ~~a second origin detection member (54) provided at the cloth holder (5, 5A, 5B) side and a second origin position setting unit (53) provided at the apparatus body side for detecting the second origin detection member (52), thereby setting an origin position of the cloth holder (5, 5A, 5B).~~

Claim 15 (New): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2, further comprising an origin detection member provided at the print head side and an origin position setting unit provided at the apparatus body side for detecting the origin detection member, thereby setting an origin position of the print head.

Claim 16 (New): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an origin detection member provided at the cloth holder side and an origin position setting unit

provided at the apparatus body side for detecting said origin detection member, thereby setting an origin position of the cloth holder.

Claim 17 (New): The cloth printing apparatus of claim 2, further comprising an origin detection member provided at the cloth holder side and an origin position setting unit provided at the apparatus body side for detecting said origin detection member, thereby setting an origin position of the cloth holder.